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SUBJ: DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REF: USNATO 3698

1. SPECIAL AD HOC WORKING GROUP (UNDER AEGIS OF AD-70 EWG)
ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS
OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON AUGUST 20 CONTINUED DISCUSSION
OF CONCEPTUAL PROBLEM OF HOW TO PRESENT MORE MEANINGFULLY
THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING IN THE
SPRING EWG AD-70 REPORT. IN IS VIEW, GOAL IS TO OBTAIN
FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN ORDER TO SEE
IF DEFENSE RESOURCES ARE BEING APPLIED IN A PROPER BALANCE.

2. MOST DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE U.S., WERE WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS. NORWAY INDICATED THEY WERE WILLING AND ABLE
TO FILL IN THE SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE IN AC/281-N(73)9.
CANADIAN REP SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HAVING AN INTEGRATED FORCE, HIS
COUNTRY CANNOT BREAKOUT DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON A FUNCTIONAL BASIS.
SEVERAL COUNTRIES (CANADA, NETHERLANDS, AND UK) CONTINUE
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TO HAVE RESERVATIONS ON THE PURPOSE OF A FUNCTIONAL/
REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. IN THIS CONNEC-
TION, INTERNATIONAL STAFF AGREED TO ATTACH A LETTER TO
DECISION SHEET FROM THIS MEETING, OUTLINING WHY DATA WAS

NEEDED AND AGAIN SOLICITING NATIONAL VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO
APPROACH PROBLEM OF FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF DEFENSE EXPENDI-
TURES. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SEARCH
FOR OTHER WAYS OF APPROACHING FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT QUESTION.

3. NEXT MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS TIME.

4. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED. SAME AS IN USNATO 3698
I.E., REACTION TO SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE IN AC/281-N(73)9 AS
A POSSIBLE MEANS OF COLLECTING DATA FOR LINKING DEFENSE
EXPENDITURES AND FORCE CAPABILITIES AND IDEAS ON HOW BEST
TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF FUNCTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF DEFENSE
EXPENDITURES ON A NATO-WIDE BASIS. RUMSFELD

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